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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

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AMCONSUL ASMARA

C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 2438

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, MOPS, SU

SUBJECT: CLASH AT ETHIOPIAN BORDER

1. THERE IS AN APPARENTLY WELL-FOUNDED RUMOR CIRCULATING IN KHARTOUM THAT IN PAST FEW DAYS SUDAN ARMY TROOPS CLASHED WITH ANSAR FOLLOWERS AT ETHIOPIAN BORDER BETWEEN GULLUBAT, SUDAN, AND METEMMA, ETHIOPIA (ABUOUT 13 DEGREES LATITUDE AND 36 DEGREES LONGITUDE).

2. COMMENT. WE HAVE NO ADDITIONAL DETAILS AT THIS TIME. ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL THAT ANSARS (FOLLOWERS OF AL-MAHDI) FORMED BULK OF REBEL FORCES THAT ATTEMPTED COUP HERE LAST JULY. THEY WERE LARGELY RECRUITED IN ETHIOPIA. SOME OBSERVERS HERE HAVE TOLD US THAT ANSARS IN SUDAN, PARTICULARLY IN WESTERN PART OF COUNTRY, ARE BITTER OVER NIMEIRI'S FIRM MEASURES OF REPRISAL SINCE COUP ATTEMPT AND ARE WAITING FOR OPPORTUNITY TO STRIKE AGAIN. WE CANNOT EVALUATE THIS JUDEMENT, BUT ETHIOPIAN BORDER INCIDENT SUGGESTS THAT TENSION CONTINUES TO EXIST
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BETWEEN ARMY AND ANSARS. BOGOSIAN

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